supercedes Sections 1 to 8, inclusive, 15 to 19, inclusive, and 22, 27 and 29 of Article V of the Constitution of this State, but all statutes enacted in conformity with said superceded sections not in conflict herewith shall continue in force until repealed, altered or amended by the Legislature."

No. 3. Amend S. J. R. No. 24, by striking out of Section 2 thereof all between the words, "printed on said ballot" and the words, "if it appear" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court consisting of a chief justice and eight associate justices; one Court of Criminal Appeals consisting of a presiding judge and four associate judges, courts of civil appeals, district courts and such other courts as may be provided by law, and altering the provisions of Article V of the State Constitution in other respects so as to more adequately provide for a judicial department and system of the State government;" and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off of the ballot in the same manner the following words printed in said ballot: "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court consisting of a chief justice and eight associate justices; one Court of Criminal Appeals consisting of a presiding judge and four associate judges, courts of civil appeals, district courts and such other courts as may be provided by law, and altering the provisions of Article V of the State Constitution in other respects so as to more adequately provide for a judicial department and system of the State government."

No. 4. Amend S. J. R. No. 24, by striking out of Section 2 the following words: "21st day of June" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "first Monday in August."

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Thursday, February 10, 1927. pursuant to adjournment, and was original marriage license may be called to order by Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Triplett. Hardin. Holbrook. Ward. Lewis. Westbrook. Love. Wirtz. McFarlane. Witt. Moore. Wood. Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Lewis,

Petitions and Memorials.

(See Appendix.)

Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senators Stuart and Wirtz:

S. B. No. 324, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the creation of trust companies, defining their powers, fixing their liabilities, providing for the manner and form of their incorporation, providing for the supervision of the same by the State Banking Commissioner, providing for

reserves against deposits, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Real:

S. B. No. 325, A bill to be entitled 'An Act amending Article 4604 of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, relating to marriage licenses; requiring the county clerk to deliver in person or by mailing the marriage license to the husband after the same is recorded; requiring the address of the husband to be stated in procur-The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., ing a marriage license so that the mailed to him by the county clerk, and declaring an emergency.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Lewis:

S. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Madison County, Texas; providing that the county commissioners shall be road commissioners of their respective precincts; providing that such commissioners shall have charge of the road teams, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Senator Triplett:

S. B. No. 327, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 185, Local and Special Laws enacted by the Thirty-ninth Legislature at its Regular Session in 1925, same being an 16, of the Local and Special Laws enacted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, in 1921, same being a special road law for Liberty County, by adding thereto Section 11-a, to permit the issuance of bonds by Liberty County for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes, and to levy a tax in payment thereof, and declaring an emergency.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Senator Price:

S. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 879, of the Penal Code of Texas, 1925, so as to provide that the open season for wild quail in the north zone shall be changed from the period of November 16 to the following January 1. to the period of December 15 to the following February 1."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Witt:

S. B. No. 329, A bill to be entitled Fletcher to bring suit against the State of Texas, in the district court of Coryell County, Texas, or McLennan County, Texas, for injuries received and the loss of a leg while attending the State Juvenile Training School at Gatesville, Texas, prescribing the rule of procedure, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Pollard:

S. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 793, of the Penal Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, 1925, relating to defendants convicted of misdemeanors, so as to strike out of said Article the words 'three dollars' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'fifty cents,' and declaring an emergency.'

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Reid:

S. B. No. 331, A bill to be entitled "An Act directing the State Board of Education to make an apportionment of funds according to scholastic cenamendment to Section 11, Chapter sus of certain school districts, providing the method of taking the census, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Witt:

S. B. No. 332, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3884, Revised Statutes, 1925, relating to compensation of deputies and assistants of certain district and county officers, and declaring an emergency.'

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senators Witt and Wood:

S. B. No. 333, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 8309, part 4, Title 130, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, by adding thereto an additional section to be entitled Section 7, said additional section providing that the State of Texas shall be entitled, as an employer of labor to become a subscriber under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and to take out insurance for the purpose of securing the payment of compensation to injured employees of all departments and institutions under the State Government in the same manner and "An Act granting permission to Cleo way and to the same effect as in the case of private persons, firms or corporations, and declaring an emergency."

> Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Witt:

S. B. No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the practice of

public shorthand reporting, creating an examining board, defining its powers, providing for fees and their disbursement, and for examinations, prescribing when examinations shall be waived; prescribing qualifications of official shorthand reporters, providing for removal, etc., prescribing when transcript of testimony shall be competent evidence; and providing penalty for violations of this Act with a repealing clause."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

and Stuart.

and making an appropriation to carry out, the provisions thereof, and declaring an emergency.'

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Witt:

S. B. No. 336, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5160, of the Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Revision of 1925, requiring any person or persons, firm or corporation, entering into a formal contract with the State or its Counties or subdivisions thereof, or any municipality therein for the construction of any public building or public work, to execute bonds with sureties, with obligation that contractors shall pay laborers and those furnishing materials for such buildings and public works; and providing more particularly what debts shall be secured by said bonds, and providing for filing such claims, under oath, with the contractor or with the county clerk,

and declaring an emergency."
Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 337, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing county boards for the prompt payment of teachers' the county boards to require depository banks to make financial reports gency." as to resources and needs of school districts; repealing all laws in con- Committee on Educational Affairs.

flict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Parr:

S. B. No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2, of Title 128, of the Revised Statutes of 1925, relating to water improvement districts by providing that lands in any such district which are not suscentible of irrigation by gravity from the existing system of canals and laterals, or which the owners thereof By Senators Wood, Hardin, Lail no longer desire to irrigate from such system, or which for other reasons, S. B. No. 335, A bill to be entitled should be withdrawn from such dis-"An Act creating a State Bureau of trict, may be discontinued as part of Criminal Identification and Investi-| such district; providing that the gation; providing for its organiza- board of directors may pass resolution, defining its powers and duties tions excluding such territory; providing that the board of directors may pass resolutions excluding such territory, etc.'

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Russek:

S. B. No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 5490, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, by eliminating therefrom the words 'and every transfer thereof,' and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Greer:

S. B. No. 340, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to independent school districts being incorporated for free school purposes only and having according to the Texas scholastic census of 1926, not less than two hundred and eighty-five scholastics nor more than two hundred and ninety-five scholastics; conferring on same in addition to any rights, powers, privileges, duties and obligations, the same may have now the right, powers, privileges, duties and obligations of an independent school district of more than five hundred of school trustees to make provisions scholistics which has taken charge of the public free schools within its salaries by authorizing county depos- limits; and providing that any such itory banks to charge interest on district shall never be required to vouchers from the date of issuance pay or contribute to any part of the until their liquidation; authorizing salary or expenses of the county superintendent, and declaring an emer-

Read first time and referred to

S. C. R. No. 15.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Rules, beg leave to report that we recommend an amendment to the joint rules of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of Texas, by concurrent resolution, as follows, towit:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15

Be it Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the joint rules of the two Houses be amended by adding a new section to said joint rules and to be known and designated as Rule 24, as follows:

"24. During the Regular Session of the Fortieth Legislature, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall cause to be placed on the calendar of their respective Houses, for consideration each day after the morning call, any and all pending joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas, and no other bills or resolutions shall be considered, on any particular day, by consent or otherwise, until all such joint resolutions are finally disposed of by the House before which such resolutions are pending."

NEAL, Chairman, WOODWARD, BAILEY.

The report and resolution was read and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Simple Resolution No. 53.

Senator Holbrook sent up the following simple resolution:

By Senator Holbrook:

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 183 was engrossed and finally passed by the Senate yesterday evening and has been sent to the House for consideration, and,

Whereas. It is necessary in order to make the bill effective to amend the same; now,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate request the House to return said Senate Bill No. 183 for correction.

The resolution was read and adopted.

House Bill No. 3.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Fairch on third reading, the following bill Floyd.

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act to agree to the provisions of Section VII of an Act of Congress of the United States and approved June 18, 1926, entitled 'An Act to provide for the storage of the waters of the Pecos River,' and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed.

House Bill No. 6

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the redemption of property sold under a judgment for taxes levied by any district organized under the laws of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-27.

Bailey. Neal. Berkeley. Parr. Bledsoe. Pollard. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Flov(l. Reid. Greer Russek. Hall. Stuart. Triplett. Hardin. Ward. Holbrook. Westbrook. Lewis. Wirtz. Love McFarlane. Wood. Woodward. Moore.

Absent.

Miller. Smith Witt.

House Bill No. 28.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 942 of Title 27 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-29.

Bailey. Greer
Berkeley. Hall.
Bledsoe. Hardin.
Bowers. Holbrook.
Fairchild. Lewis.
Floyd. Love.

McFarlane. Smith. Moore. Stuart. Triplett. Neal. Parr. Ward. Pollard. Westbrook. Wirtz. Price. Real. Wood. Reid. Woodward. Russek.

Absent.

Miller.

Witt.

Invitation From Senator Holbrook.

Privileged Communication.

The Senator from Galveston invites the Senate to be his guest at a seafood dinner to be held at the Driskill Hotel on Tuesday evening, February 15 at 7:00 o'clock. Each Senator and the Lieutenant Governor may be accompanied by one guest.

HOLBROOK.

The invitation from Senator Holbrook was accepted with thanks.

Senate Bill No. 194.

On motion of Senator Moore, S. B. No. 194 was recommitted to the Committee on Insurance.

House Bill No. 30.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2162 of Chapter 8, Title 42, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-29.

Parr. Bailey. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Holbrook. Ward. Lewis. Westbrook. Love. Wirtz. McFarlane. Wood. Moore. Woodward. Neal.

Absent.

Miller.

Witt.

House Bill No. 32.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill: H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2253 of Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas--29.

Parr. Bailey. Pollard. Berkeley. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Reid. Fairchild. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Stuart. Hall. Hardin. Triplett. Holbrook. Ward. Lewis. Westbrook. Love, Wirtz. McFarlane. Wood. Moore. Woodward. Neal.

Absent.

Miller.

Witt.

House Bill No. 34.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2312 of Chapter 13, Title 42, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Parr. Bailey. Pollard. Berkeley. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Holbrook. Ward. Westbrook. Lewis. Love. Wirtz. McFarlane. Witt. Moore. Wood. Woodward. Neal.

Absent.

Miller.

House Bill No. 40.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill: H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 3872, Title 60, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Bailey. Parr. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Holbrook. Ward. Lewis. Westbrook. Love. Wirtz. McFarlane. Witt. Moore. Wood. Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

House Bill No. 43,

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4231 of Chapter 10, Title 69, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring

an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Bailey. Parr. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Holbrook. Ward. Lewis. Westbrook, Cove. Wirtz. McFarlane. Witt. Moore. Wood. Neal. Woodward

Absent.

Miller.

House Bill No. 57.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2238, 2239 and 2240, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, by adding Articles 2242a and 2241b, providing that if appellant or his attorney delivers bills of exceptions and statements of fact to appellee or his attorney, and the same are not returned to the appellant or his attorney, approved or disapproved within ten days after same have been delivered to him, the judge of the trial court shall thereupon, on proof being offered by appellant or his attorney that ten days or more have elapsed and that said bills of exceptions and statements of facts have not been returned to appellant or his attorney. make out and file proper bills of exceptions and statements of facts."

The bill was read third time and laid on the table subject to call.

House Bill No. 76.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading, the following bill: H. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to further regulate the contest of certificate of nomination in primary elections by amending Article 3152 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925."

The bill was read third time and finally passed.

House Bill No. 80.

The Chair laid before the Senate. on third reading, the following bill: H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change the name and designation of the County Court of Bexar County for civil cases to the County Court of Law No. 1 of Bexar County, Texas, and the County Court of Bexar County for Criminal Cases to the County Court at Law No. 2 of Bexar County, Texas; to increase the jurisdiction of each of said courts by conferring in certain cases and matters and making the jurisdiction of said court equal and concurrent; to provide for the filing of civil and criminal cases in said court; to provide for the transfer of cases into and between said courts; to provide for the judges of said court holding court for or with one another; to provide for the continued effect and return of writs process. ference on Senate Bill No. 155. The judgments, decrees, bonds, etc.; to following are appointed on the part provide for the taking of and oath of of the House: office by the judges of said court, and for the collection of fees; to provide for the time of holding said courts and terms thereof; to fix and increase and provide for the payment of the salaries of the judges of the said county court at law; providing for the appointment and payment of a special assistant county attorney to act in said courts; to provide for the appointment and payment of an official shorthand reporter for the county court of law No. 2 of Bexar County, Texas; to provide that all previous Acts of the Legislature specially governing either said county Court of Bexar County for civil cases or said County Court of Bexar County for criminal cases, except insofar as in conflict herewith shall remain in force and effect and apply or be extended alike to each of said county courts at law; to provide for the taxing, collection and disposition of costs in said courts; providing a saving clause, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Parr. Bailey. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Smith. Greer Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Ward. Holbrook. Lewis. Westbrook. Love. Wirtz. McFarlane. Witt. Wood. Moore. Woodward. Neal.

Absent.

Miller.

Message From the House.

The Chair recognized the Doorkeeper, who introduced a messenger from the House with the following message from the House:

Hall of the House of Representatives. Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: The House grants the rerequest of the Senate for a free con- Wirtz.

KING, of Throckmorton, HALL, POPE.

Respectfully submitted, M. LOUISE SNOW. Chief Clerk, House of Representatives. Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives. Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation out of the General Revenue of the State of Texas to be used by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas for the payment of salaries of inspectors in the eradication and control of fever tick and other agencies of transmission, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted, M. LOUISE SNOW. Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 9.

Senator Love moved that S. B. No. 9, be made a special order for tomorrow morning after the morning

Senator Fairchild moved to table the motion.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—3.

Ward.

Parr. Real.

Navs-23.

Neal. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Fairchild. Russek. Smith. Floyd. Greer Stuart. Triplett. Hall. Westbrook. Hardin. Witt. Lewis. Wood. Love. Woodward. McFarlane. Moore.

Present-Not voting.

10-Jour.

Absent.

Bailey. Holbrook. Miller. Reid.

Senator Love withdrew his motion.

Senate Bill No. 155.

On the motion of Senator Smith | December. the free conference report on S. B. No. 155, was adopted by the follow-confirm by record vote. ing vote:

Yeas-30.

Bailey. Parr. Pollard. Berkeley. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Holbrook. Ward. Westbrook. Lewis. Love. Wirtz. McFarlane. Witt. Moore. Wood. Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

The following is a copy of the re-

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Hon. R. L. Bobbit, Speaker of the House.

Sits: We, your Free Conference Committee, appointed to correct exror in S. B. No. 155, correcting House amendment No. 1, amending Section 2 thereof to read as follows:

Section 2. In Jones County. On the first Monday in January and may continue in session seven weeks; on the fifteenth Monday after the first Monday in January and may continue in session six weeks; on the first Monday in September and may continue in session five weeks.

In Fisher County: On the seventh Monday after the first Monday in January and may continue in session four weeks: on the twenty-first Monweels; on the fifth Monday after ing: the first Monday in September and

Monday after the first Monday in January and may continue in session four weeks; on the twenty-fourth Monday after the first Monday in January and may continue in session until the last Saturday in July; on the ninth Monday after the first Monday in September and may continue in session until the last Saturday in

We ask the Senate and House to

On the part of the Senate: Wood, Smith, Floyd, Price, Pollard. On the part of the House: King, of Throckmorton, Pope, Hall.

Senate Bill No. 183.

Senator Holbrook received unanimous consent to take up out of its order the following bill:

S. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create Road District Number One (1), in Matagorda County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time. Senator Holbrook sent up the following amendment:

Amendment No. 1.

Amend the caption of S. B. No. 183 by adding after the word "district" on line 14, page 1, the follow-

"Now and hereafter authorized by the Constitution and Laws of Texas to be taxed for road district purposes:"

The amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Holbrook sent up the following amendment:

Amendment No. 2.

By Senator Holbrook:

Amend S. B. No. 183, by striking day after the first Monday in Janu-lout the entire bill below the enactary and may continue in session three ing clause and substitute the follow-

Section 1. That Road District Nummay continue in session four weeks. ber 1, of Matagorda County, Texas, In Taylor County: On the eleventh including within its limits the tertitory described and defined in that the 22nd day of May, 1925, submitcertain order of the Commissioners' ting to the resident property tax-Court of Matagorda County, Texas, payers, who were qualified electors on the 17th day of October A. D. to be held in said road district on 1912, recorded in Book G, Page 411, the 27th day of June, 1925, the et seq., minutes of the commission-proposition of issuing bonds of said ers' court of said county, a certified road district in the amount of fifty copy of which order is on file in the thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), and office of the State Comptroller of the levy of a tax upon the taxable trict in said county, under authority be taxed for road district purposes, of Section 52, of Article 3, of the to pay interest on said bonds and and bounds description thereof ap-Laws of the State of Texas.

and establishment of said Road District Number 1, of Matagorda County, Texas, by the commissioners' court of said county, is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed, and the power and authority of said commissioners' court to create said territory into a separate road district ders thereafter adopted by the counand taxing district for the purposes ty commissioners' court of said counof issuing bonds for constructing, ty authorizing the issuance of said maintaining and operating macadambonds of said road district, prescribized, graveled, or paved roads, and ing the date and maturity thereof, turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and to rate of interest borne by the bonda levy and collect annually a direct and place of payment of principal general ad valorem tax upon all of and interest and fixing form of bond the taxable property therein, now and coupon, and providing for the or hereafter authorized by the Con-levy of an ad valorem tax upon the stitution and Laws of Texas to be taxable property in said road district, taxed for road district purposes, approximation and control of the State and county taxes, in be taxed for road district purposes, payment of such bonds, be and the sufficient to pay the interest on such same is hereby delegated, ratified, ap- bonds and to produce a sinking fund proved and confirmed.

by the county commissioners' court galized, approved and validated. of said county on the 17th day of said road district on the 19th day and delivered, are hereby legalized

passed and adopted by said court of said road district, at an election. Public Accounts, is hereby created property therein, authorized by the and established as a defined road dis-Constitution and Laws of Texas, to Constitution of the State of Texas, provide a sinking fund for the rewith like effect as though the metes demption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operatpeared herein, for the purpose of ing macadamized, graveled or paved constructing, maintaining and oper- roads or turnpikes, or in aid thereof, ating macadamized, graveled, or and the notice published and posted paved roads or turnpikes, or in aid at said election, the form of ballot thereof, and such district is hereby used thereat and the canvass of the made a body corporate and taxing vote cast at said election as recorded district under the Constitution and in the minutes of said county commissioners' court, revealing that a Section 2. That the organization two-thirds majority of such resident qualified property taxpayers who were qualified electors, voting on the propositions voted in favor of the issuance of such bonds and levy of such tax, are hereby legalized, approved and validated.

Section 4. That the order or orfor the redemption of the principal Section 3. That the order adopted thereof, at maturity, are hereby le-

Section 5. That sale of said bonds October, 1912, submitting to the resilply the county commissioners' court dent property tax payers, who were of said county be and is hereby lequalified electors of said road dis- galized and validated and such bonds trict, at an election, to be held in so sold and delivered, and to be sold of November, 1912, the proposition and validated, and shall constitute of issuing bonds of said road district the legal obligations of said road disin the amount of one hundred thou- trict, and taxes sufficient to pay the sand dollars (\$100,000.00), and that principal of and interest upon said the order adopted by the county com- bonds heretofore levied upon the valmissioners' court of said county on uation of taxable property in said

road district according to the value authority for the doing thereof. of taxable property therein as dethe amount to be raised in said road Laws has been made in the manner district and constituted the basis of and form provided by law. such taxation, and the assessment interest upon said bonds now outand assessed by the county commissioners' court of said county upon the value of taxable property in said road district as fixed for State and county taxes, and the power to levy such annual general ad valorem taxes is hereby delegated to said commissioners' court.

Section 6. That said orders, and all other orders adopted by said county commissioners' court in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, as the same appears upon the records of said court, or copies thereof duly certified, are hereby constituted legal evidence of such orders, and shall be authority for said Bailey. court to annually levy, assess and Berkeley. collect taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest upon said bonds as the same mature Fairchild. and become due, such taxes to be levied and assessed upon the value of taxable property in said road district as fixed for State and county taxes, and that any and all acts and proceedings had and taken by said court in the construction of roads and turnpikes from the proceeds of said bonds are hereby validated, approved and legalized.

Section 7. That the Legislature hereby exercises the authority upon it conferred by Section 52, of Article 3, of the Texas Constitution, and declares said defined district as a road district, as above described, to have been legal and valid from the date of the adoption of said order, defining its boundaries, and confirms Berkeley.

road district now or hereafter au- and ratifies said acts and proceedthorized by the Constitution and ings of said court in respect of said Laws of Texas to be taxed for road election, authorizing the issuance and district purposes, according to the value of taxable property as determined for State and county purposes, are hereby legalized and validated; and that taxes in amount sufficient sale of said bonds, the levy of taxes to pay principal thereof and interest thereon and the construction of roads and turnpikes with the proceeds thereof with like effect as to pay the principal of and interest though at the time or times said upon said bonds, levied upon the acts and proceeding were done or valuation of taxable property in said had, there existed statutory and legal

Section 8. Proof of publication of termined for State and county pur- the constitutional notice required in poses, are hereby found and fixed as the enactment of Local and Special

Section 9. The public importance and levy of such taxes is hereby le- of the purposes herein contemplated galized and said taxes in an amount creates an emergency and an imsufficient to pay the principal of and perative public necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional standing, and to be issued, sold and rule requiring bills to be read upon delivered, shall be annually levied three several days in each House, and the said rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The amendment was read and adopted.

The bill was passed to engross-

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 183 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Parr. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Bowers. Real. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Triplett. Hardin. Holbrook. Ward. Lewis. Westbrook. Love. Wirtz. witt.McFarlane. Мооте. Wood. Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Bailey. Bledsoe. Bowers.

Fairchild. Price. Floyd. Real. Greer Reid. Hall. Russek. Hardin. Smith. Holbrook. Stuart. Lewis. Triplett. Love. Ward. McFarlane. Westbrook Moore. Wirtz. Neal. Witt. Parr. Wood. Pollard. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

Senate Bill No. 246.

Senator Stuart moved to print S. B. No. 246 upon the minority report. The motion was adopted.

Senate Bills Nos. 73 and 74.

Senator Westbrook moved that S. B.'s Nos. 73 and 74 be printed upon the minority reports.

Bill Signed.

After its caption was read, the Chair signed, in the presence of the Resignation of Senator Holbrook Senate, S. B. No. 234.

Recess.

At 12:10 p. m., the Senate, on the motion of Senator Wood, recessed until this afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

After Recess.

The Senate was called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to recess.

Senate Bills Nos. 73 and 74.

The question recurred upon the motion pending to print S. B.'s Nos. 73 and 74 on the minority report.

On the motion of Senator Love, the previous question was order.

The motion to print was adopted.

S. J. R. No. 19.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on the calendar, the following bill: S. J. R. No. 19, A joint resolution Bowers. "Proposing an amendment to the Fairchild. State Constitution eliminating the Hall. constitutional limitations on the Leg- Hardin. islature relative to notaries public Lewis. and the appointment of notaries pub- Moore. lic, and providing for the appoint-ment of notaries public until the Parr.

Legislature enacts a law on this subject."

The resolution was read.

Senator Bailey moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

The motion to indefinitely postpone previous question was ordered.

Yeas-25.

Bailey. Pollard. Berkeley. Real. Bledsoe. Reid. Russek. Bowers. Fairchild. Smith. Floyd. Stuart. Greer Triplett. Hardin. Ward. Westbrook. Holbrook. Wirtz Lewis. Moore. Wood. Woodward. Neal. Parr.

Navs-5.

Hall. Price. Witt. Love.

McFarlane.

Absent.

Miller.

From Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

Senator Holbrook addressed the Senate, to a point of personal privilege and tendered his resignation as chairman of the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

Simple Resolution No. 54.

Senator Floyd received unanimous consent to send up the following resolution:

I move that the Senate instruct the Committee on State Affairs to make a report on Senate Bills Nos. 292 and 294 within the next three days.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Wirtz the resolution was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas-18.

Pollard. Bailey. Real. Russek. Ward. Westbrook. Wirtz. Witt. Wood. Woodward.

Nays—8.

Floyd, Price.
Greer Reid.
Love. Smith.
McFarlane. Triplett.

Present-Not voting.

Berkeley.

Bledsoe.

Absent.

Holbrook. Miller. Stuart.

Motion to Adjourn.

Senator Fairchild moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Bailey. Bowers. Fairchild. Parr. Pollard. Triplett. Westbrook. Wirtz.

Nays—15.

Berkeley. Bledsoe. Greer Hall.

Holbrook. Lewis. Love. McFarlane. Moore.

Stuart. Ward. Wood. Woodward.

Smith.

Russek.

Absent.

Floyd. Hardin. Miller. Neal. Price. Real. Real. Witt.

Senate Bill No. 66.

Senator Fairchild called from the table the following bill:

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2135 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas by exempting from jury service agents and patrol men engaged in forestry protection work employed by the State Department of Forestry when engaged in the regular and actual discharge of their duties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read.

Senator Bowers sent up the following amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 66, by striking out 3 of Section 2, and renumbering the exceptions.

The amendment was read.

Senator Bowers moved the adoption of the resolution.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Bowers sent up the following amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 66, by striking out 1 of Section 2 and renumbering the exceptions.

The amendment was lost.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 66 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Parr. Bailey. Pollard. Berkeley. Price. Bledsoe. Real. Bowers. Fairchild. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer . Smith. Stuart. Hall. Triplett. Hardin. Ward. Holbrook. Westbrook. Lewis. Wirtz. Love. McFarlane. Witt. Wood. Moore. Woodward. Neal.

Absent.

Miller.

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas-30.

Bailey. Parr. Berkeley. Pollard. Bledsoe. Price. Real. Bowers. Reid. Fairchild. Floyd. Russek. Greer Smith. Hall. Stuart. Triplett. Hardin. Holbrook. Ward. Westbrook. Lewis. Wirtz. Love. Witt. McFarlane. Wood. Moore. Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

Message from the House.

The Chair recognized the doorkeeper who introduced a messenger from the House with the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon Barry Miller, President of the

Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the following resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 21 endorsing S. B. No. 4746, now pending before Congress.

H. C. R. No. 22, requesting members of Congress to use their efforts to secure passage of the bill for the retirement of disabled emergency army officers.

The House has adopted the Free Conference Committee Report on S. B. No. 155 by vote of Yeas, 104,

1 Nay.

Respectfully submitted,
M. LOUISE SNOW.
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Simple Resolution No. 55.

Senator Bledsoe received unanimous consent to send up the following simple resolution:

By Senators Bledsoe, Parr, Wood, McFarlane, Reid, Moore, Berkeley,

Russek and Bailey.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from among the living, that patriot and citizen, Captain Charles Schreiner of Kerrville, Texas, and

Whereas, the deceased would have reached his eighty-ninth birthday in two weeks, and during his lifetime, which has been one of continued service to his fellowman, he was permitted to accumulate a large fortune which was unselfishly used at all times for the betterment of others, and

Whereas, he was a follower of the Lost Cause, having enlisted in the Confederate Army as a young man and upon his return therefrom he found his family fortune gone and, taking up his work with untiring energy, he amassed that great fortune that was given to him and that he has so unselfishly used, and

Whereas, among the relatives surviving him is Honorable Julius Real, State Senator from the Twenty-sixth District, who is a nephew of the deceased;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas that we express our appreciation for Captain Charles Schreiner as a man and as a citizen, extending to his family the condolence of the Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, that it be in his honor.

The resolution was read and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

S. J. R. No. 24.

Senator Wood moved to take up out of its regular order S. J. R. No. 24. Senator Fairchild objected. Senator Wood withdrew his motion.

S. B. No. 100.

Senator Woodward called up from the table the following bill:

S. B. No. 100, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6815 of Title 117 Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925 so as to provide a salary for the Superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Sanitorium of \$5,000.00 per annum and the salary of the store keeper and accountant of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at an annual salary not to exceed \$2,000.00 and declaring an emergency."

The committee amendment was

adopted.

Senator McFarlane sent up the following amendment:

Amendment No. 1 to S. B. No. 100.

Amend Senate Bill No. 100 by striking out figures "\$2,500.00" in line 23 and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$3,000.00" and by striking out the figures "\$5,000.00" in line 19 and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "3,600.00" and by striking out the figures "\$1,-200.00" in line 32 thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,500.00".

The amendment was read and adopted.

Senator McFarlane sent up the following amendment:

Amendment No. 2 to S. B. No. 100.

Amend the caption of S. B. No. 100 by striking out all words after the figures "1925" on line 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "So as to provide a salary for the superintendents of the Blind Insti-

tute, the Deaf and Dumb Institute. the Epileptic Colony, State Lunatic Asylum, Southwestern Insane Asylum. North Texas Hospital for the Insane, North Texas Feeble Minded, State Juvenile Training School and the head physician of the State Pasteur Institute at \$3,600 per annum and the storekeeper and the accountant of the State Tuberculosis Sanitorium at an annual salary not to exceed \$2,000.00 and declaring an emergency."

The amendment was read and adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 100 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas-28.

Pollard. Bailey. Price. Berkeley. Bledsoe. Real. Bowers. Reid. Fairchild. Russek. Greer Smith. Stuart. Hall. Hardin. Triplett. Ward. Holbrook. Westbrook. Lewis. Wirtz. Love. Witt. McFarlane. Moore. Wood. Parr. Woodward.

Present—Not voting.

Floyd.

Absent.

Miller.

Neal.

The bill was read third time and passed finally.

Simple Resolution No. 56.

Senator Witt received unanimous consent to send up the following simple resolution:

By Senator Witt, Stuart, Holbrook, Wood, Fairchild, Hall and Parr.

Whereas, Hon. Lynch Davidson, a distinguished citizen of Texas and a former member of this body and Lieutenant Governor of Texas is on the floor of the Senate; therefore, be it

privileges of the floor and invited to address the Senate.

The Chair appointed the following committee to accompany Hon. Lynch Davidson to the platform: Senators Witt, Fairchild, and Pollard.

Hon. Lynch Davidson Speaks.

Senator Witt introduced Lynch Davidson who briefly addressed the Senate.

S. J. R. No. 1.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following joint resolution:

S. J. R. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act proposing an amendment to Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by inserting a section to be known as Section 30-b of said Article, authorizing the terms of office of members of boards of education and all other municipal boards and commissions in cities and towns of whatever population, and of all school trustees to extend for any period of time not to exceed six years, and for the terms of the various members of such boards to be overlapping; and providing for the submission of such amendment for ratification or rejection at the next general election; and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.'

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Bills Signed.

After their captions had been read, the Chair signed the following bills:

H. B. No. 274. H. B. No. 268. H. B. No. 98. H. C. R. No. 19. H. B. No. 240. H. C. R. No. 20.

S. B. No. 137.

Senator Fairchild called up from the table the following bill:

S. B. No. 137, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 6815 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, in so far as it fixes the compensation of superintendents of eleemosynary institutions; repealing any and all laws fixing the compensation of said superintendents; providing that hereafter the salary of such superintendents shall be the amount fixed in Resolved, That he be accorded the the Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature; and declaring an emergency."

Senator Fairchild moved to substitute the favorable minority report for the unfavorable majority report.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-15.

Bledsoe, Price.
Bowers. Russek.
Fairchild. Smith.
Floyd. Triplett.
Hardin. Ward.
Holbrook. Westbrook.
Parr. Witt.

Pollard.

Nays-14.

Bailey. Moore.
Berkeley. Neal.
Greer Real.
Hall. Stuart.
Lewis. Wirtz.
Love, Wood.
McFarlane. Woodward.

Absent.

Miller.

Reid.

Senator Wood moved to amend the committee report to the effect that the bill be not printed.

Senator Wirtz raised the point of order that the committee report could not be amended in such a manner

The Chair (Lieutenant-Governor Barry Miller) sustained the point of order

Senator Fairchild moved that the bill be printed on the minority report.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-17.

Berkeley. Price. Bledsoe. Real. Bowers. Russek. Fairchild. Smith. Floyd. Stuart. Holbrook. Westbrook. Moore. Wood. Parr. Woodward. Pollard.

Nays--12.

Bailey. McFarlane.
Greer Neal.
Hall. Triplett.
Hardin. Ward.
Lewis. Wirtz.
Love. Witt.

Absent.

Miller.

Reid.

Motion to Adjourn.

On motion of Senator Fairchild, the Senate, at 4:10 p. m., stood adjournment until 10 o'clock Friday morning by the following vote:

Yeas-19.

Bailey. Price. Bledsoe. Real. Bowers. Russek. Fairchild. Smith. Floyd. Stuart. Hall. Triplett. Hardin. Ward. Holbrook. Westbrook. Parr. Wirtz. Pollard.

Nays-9.

Berkeley. Moore.
Greer Neal.
Lewis. Wood.
Love. Woodward.
McFarlane.

Absent.

Miller. Reid. Witt.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

World Conference on Narcotic Education.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 5, 1927. President of the Senate, State of Texas,

Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Governors of the World Conference on Narcotic Education to enlist your cooperation and that of the legislature of Texas, in the observance of Narcotic Education Week the last week in February. The Board has undertaken to have this week observed in the extension of Narcotic Education in this country and other countries.

The spread of narcotic drug addiction has rapidly grown to the proportion of a major problem, menacing to the future of civilized society. The program takes on two forms: The old opium problem proper, affecting chiefly the people

of the orient, and the new heroin problem that now menaces the western nations. The opium problem has grown slowly through the gene-The heroin problem is rations. spreading with inconceivable swiftness and should engage the attention of civilized nations with the least possible delay.

The Health Commissioner of a great city of the middle west, investigating the cause of the rising tide of crime reported that youths are appearing in the underworld by the thousands at very tender ages, practically all of the girls and most of the boys by the swift drug road. Though heroin is comparatively a new drug, the number of heroin addicts in one great city of the east alone, is estimated by the City Bureau of Criminal Identification at over 100,000, practically all of them below the age of thirty. A recent survey of the prisons of New York City brought out the startling fact that more than half of all the prisoners in cases involving moral turpitude are addicts. Most of the youthful bandits committing daylight robberies, daring holdups and cruel murder are heroin addicts. The heroin addict has a mania for recruiting others, so the spread of heroin addiction is by multiplication in geometrical progression.

Practically all authorities in the treatment of addiction agree that while the addicts may be brought off the drug by several methods, they go back sooner or later. Salvage of the victims offers little hope as a remedy for this social ill. The victims deprived of their drug, suffer indescribable tortures and consider providing this supply the supreme consideration of life beyond all other considerations combined. The profits are so enormous and the powerful drugs are so easily concealed that repression by legal process is as hopeless as salvage. On the other hand, knowledge of the consequences of addiction, of joining the ranks of the "living dead," arouses the deepest motives of self-preservation. making a mantle of protection against the wiles of the peddler. Recourse to education is therefore the hope of mankind.

The International Narcotic Educa-

takes to meet the menace of narcotic drug addiction through organized education. This Association concentrates upon the machinery of educational systems and has been operating largely through superintendents of Education, A copy of the standard document, millions of which have been sent out, called the Narcotic Peril, is being forwarded to you under separate cover. This is prepared chiefly for the use of teachers and parents. A copy of Bulletin No. 2, The Menace of Morphine, Heroin and Cocaine, is also being sent you. This is a document of reference and has been approved for reference for teachers in the State of California. This Association is seeking the incorporation of chapters and paragraphs on Narcotic Education in the text books. It now has pending in Congress a bill to create the U.S. College of Narcotic Education, the graduates from which, serving under state Boards of Education, are designed to organize and standardize Narcotic Education in the educational system of the states.

A World Conference called by the Association, with representation from many nations, states, cities and organizations, founded the World Conference on Narcotic Education by the adoption of a constitution on July 8, last, the preamble "We, the people of which reads: of the world, in order perpetually to protect society everywhere from the peril or narcotic drug addiction by applying the power of truth through education, do ordain and establish this constitution for humanity.' The World Conference on Narcotic Education seeks the cooperation of popular agencies of society and has adopted a resolution calling for the last week of February each year to be observed in America and throughout the world as Narcotic Education Week, inviting individuals and organizations to adopt such measures as they may deem necessary and advisable for observing this week in the extension of Narcotic Education. Over 3,000 responses of approval have been received from leaders of thought throughout the nation, and the governing bodies of many great organizations have adopted resolutions of tion Association is a corporation cooperation. Committees are now "not for profit" incorporated under working for the cooperation of the the laws of California, which under- press, the pulpit, the radio, the screen, service clubs, civic, patriotic and other organizations.

I am writing, Mr. President, to request your good offices in bringing about appropriate observance in the Legislature of Texas. Our Washington office will shortly send you an 8-page document under congressional frank, in sufficient number for the members of your Chamber. Kindly give the necessary directions for their prompt distribution.

Narcotic drug addiction is a secret vice and all associated activities of the traffic are under cover so that even well informed people are not aware of the menace, leaving society exposed through its ignorance to the ravages of drug peddlers and those who "hook" the youth into this "living death," by a dare or appeal to their curiosity. In view of this ignorance, it would be a distinct public service if at an appropriate time during Narcotic Education Week, some official action will be taken by your body, whether in the form of the adoption of a resolution of sympathy and cooperation, or whether by setting aside a time for the consideration of the subject, even the reading by the clerk, of extracts from documents on the subject. You can best judge from the circumstances, what would be the most appropriate and most effective in extending to the people of your State, the benefits of Narcotic Education.

Allow me to express in advance the appreciation of the Board of Governors for whatever you do. With cordial greetings and wishing you and your Chamber great success in your high public function, I remain.

> Sincerely yours, RICHARD P. HOBSON Secretary General.

Telegram.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 9, 1927. Senator Tom Love, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas.

The State Executive Board of Texas Women's Democratic Association in session at San Antonio, Texas sends believing the convention system is a step backward, trusting to find a better way to simplyfy the primary elections we earnestly protest the passage of the bill introduced by Senator Holbrook of Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. Wade H. Lewis, President; Mrs. Frank Gilbert, First Vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Armistead, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Larry Mills, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Geo. W. Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. E. Brooks, Treasurer; Mrs. Claude J. Carter, Legislative Chairman; Mrs. John L. Duncan, Parlimentarian.

Bremond, Texas, Jan. 27, 1927. Hon. R. S. Bowers, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas. Dear Mr. Bowers:

This letter has reference in regard to the Legislature. I understand that there is to be a house bill introduced to the Legislature, providfor an occupation tax on peddler (wagon men) at the rateof \$100 per month.

You know, Mr. Bowers, that this sort of tax on occupation would be unreasonable, and it would be a dishonesty to the people of this State of Texas.

Mr. Bowers, am writing you and protesting vigorously against any such legislation which attempts to meddle with our business.

Furthermore, Mr. Bowers, it would make an awful hardship on the people of this State, the public buying. And the people are surprised to hear of any such enemies that would meddle with their trade, of business.

You take my business over here it's awful rotten and quiet, and it is for the scaricity of money, people would buy but conditions forbid them from buying.

The low price of cotton sure has ruined the country and business of every kind.

With best wishes and regards to you, I am, at the conclusion of this letter, hoping that you are with me and the poor people of this State, along the lines I have written in this letter.

Mr. Bowers, please have sympathy upon me, and treat me just as you would be expected treated by others.

As am here before the Almighty God awaiting call on me at any time, I am hoping and wishing you the best of success and good luck that you deserve.

I beg to remain as ever, Yours very truly, MIKE BASHINSKI.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 9 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly enrolled. his approval.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 183 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate

Sir: We, your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 322, A bill to be entitled] "An Act to provide for the manner of placing names of candidates on official ballots at special elections; making general election laws applicable to special elections except where otherwise provided; determining the order of names on ballots; making provision for the returns of special elections; issuing certificates of elections; making said Act apply only to special elections; providing that same shall be cumulative of existing laws and making provision for conflicts; and declaring an emergency.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with recommendation that it do pass.

NEAL, Chairman. Holbrook, Rusek, Smith, Wood, Love, Ward, Lewis, Bowers, Pollard.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Com-

mittee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent time warrants from being issued by or for any county or political subdivision of a county; defining the word warrants," preventing the issuance of bonds to fund or refund, or the and have this day at 10:55 o'clock proceeds of which may be for a. m., presented to the Governor for the purpose of paying or retiring any such time warrants or other warrants heretofore or hereafter issued: and providing that any bonds or warrants issued in violation of this Act shall be void; providing that this Act shall not apply to bonds or warrants issued under Title 118, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

> Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with recommendation that it do not pass, but that the accompanying Senate Committee Substitute Bill do pass in lieu thereof.

> > BAILEY. Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I, a minority of your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent time warrants from being issued by or for any county or political subdivision of a county; defining the word "time warrant"; preventing the issuance of bonds to fund or refund, or the proceeds of which may be for the purpose of paying or retiring, any such time warrants or other warrant heretofore or hereafter issued; and providing that any bond or warrants issued in violation of this Act shall be void; providing that this Act shall not apply to bonds or warrants under Title 118, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925; and declaring an emergency."

Beg to differ with a majority of the Committee and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill and the S. C. S. B do not pass.

WARD.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 164, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in district or county courts, in the trial of civil cases before a jury, the judge shall give a general charge to the jury unless all parties to the suit agree to have the same submitted to the jury on special issues; providing that it shall not be necessary to preexceptions to the court's pare charge to the jury prior to the charge being read to the jury, but that such objections shall be noted prior to such reading to the jury and all exceptions to such charge and to the evidence and testimony shall be made in the motion for a new trial; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 164, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in district or county courts, in the trial of civil cases before a jury, the judge shall give a general charge to the jury unless all parties to the suit agree to have the same submitted to the jury on special issues, providing that it shall not be necessary to prepare exceptions to the court's charge to the jury prior to the charge being read to the jury, but that objections shall be noted prior to such reading to the jury and all exceptions to such charge and to the evidence and testimony shall be made in the motion for a new trial; and declaring an_emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to differ with a majority of the Committee, and report it back to the Senate with recommendation that it do not pass.

PRICE, WIRTZ. Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide additional compensation to official shorthand reporters of Texas in judicial districts composed of two or more counties by allowing compensation for actual necessary expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties, in counties other than the county of their residence; providing for payment of such expenses by the several counties of the judicial districts upon sworn itemized accounts of such shorthand reporters; providing for recording such accounts in the minutes of the district court of the county in which such officer resides, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 303, A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Article 5519, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1925, so as to provide that a person having peaceable and adverse possession of lands, tenements or hereditaments, the title to which has passed out of the State, using and enjoying the same under deeds duly recorded constituting a regular chain of tilte shall have a good marketable title thereto and shall have title by the Statutes of Limitation regardless of minority, coverture, insanity or other disability of the persons asserting title against such possession; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the judge of any district court, or other court having jurisdiction, to appoint a receiver or receivers for any defunct or disorganized church or congregation and authorize the management, sale or other disposition of any and all properties, real, personal, mixed and choses in action, and authorizing such court in such cases where such church or congregation may not in the judgment of such court be reorganized within reasonable time, to deliver such property or its proceeds to a church or congregation, a religious or governing body or other ecclesiastical head, or a state missionary society, of like faith and order to be used or expended for the use of a church, churches, denomination of communion of like faith and order, and declaring an emergency.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil "An Act to prevent the employment, not pass. of attorneys by officers, heads of departments, educational, eleemosynary, or other institutions of the State, with certain exceptions, providing that it shall be the duty of the Attorney General in person, or by such of his assistants as he may designate, to attend, whenever prac- | Jurisprudence, to whom was referred ticable, all meetings of the State Highway Commission, the State Textbook Commission, the Railroad Com- 5432 of the Revised Civil Statutes, mission, the Prison Commission, the 1925, relating to libel, so as to bet-Intangible Tax Board, the Industrial ter provide what may be given in Accident Board, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, the ially pleaded, in determining the ex-Board of Directors of the Agricul- tent of actual damages and in mititural and Mechanical College of gation of exemplary or punitive dam-Texas, and the Boards of Education ages; properly defining actual damof any and all State Educational in- ages; defining what matters shall be stitutions of Texas, and any and all deemed privileged for publication by hearings before such boards, commis- a newspaper or periodical striking

sions or commissioners, etc., and declaring an emergency,'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 205, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the employment of attorneys by officers, heads of departments, educational institutions or other institutions of the State with certain exceptions; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

> BAILEY, Chairman. Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3351, of Chapter 5, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, and declaring an emergency.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to re-Jurisprudence, to whom was referred port the same back to the Senate S. B. No. 317, A bill to be entitled with the recommendation that it do

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil S. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5431 and evidence by the defendant, if specout the words 'without proof of actual malice,' defining the words 'public purposes' as used in said Article 5432, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 320, A bill to be entitled "An Act making invalid intrastate sales in this State of prison made goods, wares, merchandise and articles, and so forth, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 137, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2350, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, changing the year upon which is based the assessed valuation of taxable properties affected by the Act to be amended relating to the compensation of county commissioners. and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee State Affairs.

WOOD, Chairman.

On the motion of Senator Wood, H. B. No. 137 was referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to cover deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of

the State government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1926, and August 31, 1927, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Senate

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 143, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5431 and 5432, of Title 88, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1925, relating to damages by libel, mitigation of damages occasioned by libel, and the defenses in causes of action for libel and defining privileged matters."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the accompanying Senate Committee Substitute Bill do pass in lieu thereof.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtyninth Legislature relating to bounties for the destruction of certain predatory animals, so that said Chapter 44 will hereafter include and apply to the counties of Burnett and Llano, in addition to the counties now mentioned in Chapter 44; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

WOOD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on High-

ways and Motor Traffic, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 272, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6698, Revised Statutes of 1925, so as to permit cities and towns to regulate traffic of certain commercial motor vehicles and charge a fee sufficient to pay the expense of such regulation, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Barry Miller, President of the

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act empowering the State Highway Commission to adopt safety devices to be erected at railroad and interurban crossings and to contract for same; to advertise for the submission of such devices and upon hearings had to designate same; providing for the nature and character of such safety device; that the engineer of the Railroad Commission shall assist the State Highway Commission in the selection of such device; designating the kind and character of contract to be entered into and defining the powers, rights, and duties of the State Highway Commission relative thereto; providing that said safety devices shall be erected without cost or expense to the State upon such terms, stipulations, and conditions as the State Highway Commission may deem best; providing for an easement upon that part of the highway road bed used and occupied by said devices, and declaring an emergency.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled the public highways of Texas."

"An Act to amend Chapter 17, of the Harris County Road Law, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, by amending Section 9 and 13 thereof, with respect to the method of making purchases of materials and supplies and the awarding of contracts therefor, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2625, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, to change the number of the board of regents from six to nine members, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, with the following committee amendment:

Change the language appearing in the bill reading as follows: "The board of regents of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton shall be composed of nine persons, four of whom may be women." And make the same hereafter read as follows: "The board of regents of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton shall be composed of nine persons, four of whom shall be women."

WITT, Chairman.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 789, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, 1925, so as to increase the present speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour on motor or other vehicles on the public highways of Texas."

eration, and I am instructed to re- back to the Senate with the recomport the same back to the Senate mendation that it do pass. with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to Hon. Barry Miller, President of the whom was referred

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 789, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, 1925, so as to increase the present speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour on motor or other vehicles on the public highways of Texas.'

Beg to differ with a majority of your committee and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

> PARR. BLEDSOE.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 847, of the Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, by providing therein that no judgment of a trial court shall be reversed for any error which manifestly did no injury to defendant.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

"An Act to amend Article 847, of the ferred Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, by providing therein that no judgment of a trial court shall be reversed for any error which manifestly did no injury to defendant."

Have had the same under consid- your committee, and report the same

McFARLANE, BLEDSOE.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 553, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, providing that indictments or informations may be amended under circumstances that will not surprise or injure the defendant."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 553, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, providing that indictments or informations may be amended under circumstances that will not surprise or injure the defendant.'

Beg to differ with a majority of your committee, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

> McFARLANE. BLEDSOE.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Crim-S. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled inal Jurisprudence, to whom was re-

S. B. No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Articles 1256 and 1257, of the Penal Code of 1925, so as to properly define murder and fixing the punishment for murder; re-Beg to differ with a majority of pealing Chapter 15, Title 15, of the

Penal Code of 1925, relating to manslaughter, and all other laws in conflict with this Act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon, Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was re-

S. B. No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Articles 1256 and 1257, of the Penal Code of 1925, so ing the punishment for murder, inserting in the Penal Code a new Arwhat may be proved and considered by the jury, in determining the punishment to be assessed for murder; repealing Chapter 15, Title 15, of the Penal Code of 1925, relating to manslaughter and all other laws in conflict with this Act.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the attached committee amendment.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Amendment to S. B. No. 168.

Amend S. B. No. 168 by adding to Article 1257-a the following, to-wit:

Provided, however, that in all convictions under this Act and where the punishment assessed by the Jury does not exceed five years, the Defendant shall have the benefits of the suspended sentence act.

Amend Senate B. No. 168 as follows:

Amend the bill by adding at the end of Section 3 the following: "This Act shall not be construed as repealing Chapter 14 of Title 15 of the Penal Code of this State relating to negligent homicide."

Amend the bill by inserting at the end of Section 3 the following: "Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Penal Code of this State is hereby repealed."

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 10, 1927. Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled. "An Act to permit applicants for writs of habeas corpus in all criminal cases where the maximum penalty for such offense does not exceed the punishment of confinement in the State Penitentiary for more than ten years, when the relief prayed for by such applicant is denied by the judge of the Court that applicant's petition is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, and an appeal is taken from such judgment or order of the trial court to the Court of Criminal Apas to properly define murder and fix- | peals to the State of Texas, such applicant may execute a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the ticle numbered 1257-a, relating to Court or judge as now provided under provisions of Title 10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas.'

> Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that

> S. B. No. 129, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for bail in Habeas Corpus cases where the Defendant is remanded to custody of an officer and the case is appealed.'

> Be substituted therefor and that it pass in lieu thereof.

> > WOODWARD, Chairman.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber. Austin, Texas,

Friday, February 11, 1927. The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Holbrook. Bailey. Berkeley. Lewis. Bledsoe. Love. Bowers. McFarlane. Fairchild. Miller. Floyd. Neal. Greer. Parr. Pollard. Hall. Hardin. Price.